

RESOLUTION R-7-10

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland whereby the Town is Petitioning the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly To Reinstate State Shared Revenues and to provide more Diverse Revenue Raising Authority to Municipalities.

WHEREAS, the State has slashed vital State-shared revenues historically provided to municipal governments, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, Future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns, and;

WHEREAS, Municipal governments more than any other government form in Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary general fund revenue sources, and;

WHEREAS, Increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities' extremely narrow taxing authority prevents them from raising alternative funds to lost highway user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the state's general fund, and;

WHEREAS, This issue is of significant importance to the Town of Cheverly and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take actions needed to rectify this serious problem.

— NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, urge the Administration for this coming and future fiscal years, to submit a budget document to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for highway user revenues and state aid for police protection; and that the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of cities and towns on the property tax to fund municipal government services.

— ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on October 14, 2010, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

Adopted:

Attest: _____
_____ **Mayor** _____ **Date**

Councilmember _____ **Councilmember**

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